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SUBJ: LOS: MOSCOW G-5 MEETING

1. AS NOTED REF A, EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES CONTINUE TO BE SEVERELY STRAINED AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE. FIRE HAS FORCED US TO DOUBLE AND TRIPLE UP IN OFFICES THAT ARE STILL USEABLE. BELOW ARE RESPONSES TO REFTEL B'S QUESTIONS ON LOGISTICS FOR U.S. DELEGATION.

2. OFFICE SPACE: THE EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE. THE ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR TOON AND THE AMBASSADOR'S SECRETARY DURING THE G-5 CONFERENCE MAY PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE DESK FOR SECRETARY. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY EXECUTIVE SUITE AND SPASO HOUSE WILL BE UNDER REPAIR THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY. THERE WILL THEREFORE BE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY DUST AND NOISE IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA.. FOR UNCLASSIFIED WORK, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT ADDITIONAL HOTEL ROOMS BE RENTED.

3. CLASSIFIED MEETINGS: EMBASSY MAKES FREQUENT USE OF ACOUSTIC CONFERENCE ROOMS FOR CONVERSATIONS AND MEETINGS. THESE ROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO LOS SMALL GROUP MEETINGS DURING THE CONFERENCE. THE COMMERCIAL SECTION CONFERENCE AREA CAN BE USED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNCLASSIFIED, BUT ONLY UNCLASSIFIED, CONFERENCES.

4. TYPEWRITERS: EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AT MOST TWO TYPEWRITERS.

5. TRANSPORTATION: AMBASSADOR TOON'S CADILLAC WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARSON'S USE.

INTOURIST VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO BE RENTED FOR THE USE OF OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS. RENT FOR VEHICLE WHICH SEATS 5 PASSENGERS IS 68 RUBLES PER DAY. RENT FOR BUS WHICH SEATS 24 PASSENGERS IS 120 RUBLES PER DAY. DEPT. OF COURSE WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE FUND CITATION. TRUCK FOR BAGGAGE HANDLING FOR AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE COSTS 80 RUBLES. (CURRENT RATE IS ONE RUBLE EQUALS DOLLARS 1.40)

6. HOUSING: WE ARE ASKING UPDK FOR TWENTY-THREE SINGLES AND A SUITE AND MFA HAS INFORMED THAT THEY WILL TRY TO ASSIST IN FULFILLING OUR REQUEST. HOWEVER, IF PAST EXPERIENCE INVOLVING RESERVATIONS FOR LARGER GROUPS IS ANY GUIDE, WE ANTICIPATE PROBLEMS IN THE FORM OF INSISTANCE ON USE OF DOUBLES, RESERVATIONS SCATTERED AROUND DIFFERENT HOTELS, AND PERHAPS UNSATISFACTORY ACCOMMODATIONS IN GENERAL. LOS DELEGATION MAY THEREFORE WISH TO FOLLOW SURE ROUTE THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS IN WASHINGTON. AMERICAN EXPRESS HAS WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH INTOURIST WHICH HAS PROVED CAPABLE IN MAKING NOT ONLY GOOD ACCOMMODATION BUT AT THE SAME TIME TRANSPORTATION, AIRPORT PICKUP AND DINING ARRANGEMENTS, ALL IN A PACKAGE. INTOURIST ALSO HAS ACCESS TO LARGE, CENTRALLY LOCATED, INTOURIST HOTEL. WE INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN GOOD RESERVATIONS IN MOSCOW AND REQUEST THAT DEPT ADVISE IF IT WISHES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO WORK THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS/INTOURIST.

7. OTHER DELEGATIONS: THE BRITISH EMBASSY TELLS US LONDON IS SENDING FIVE LOS NEGOTIATORS. THEY WILL BE JOINED BY ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BRITISH EMBASSY. SOVIET MFA DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF TEN TO TWELVE LOS NEGOTIATORS AND PERHAPS TWO OR THREE "OBSERVERS", BUT IN ANY CASE WILL NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN.

8. CONTROL OFFICER FOR JAN. G-5 MEETING IS POLITICAL COUNSELOR WILLIAM BROWN. HOME TELEPHONE :252-00-11 EXT. 368.

9. IN VIEW OF THE GREAT LOGISTICS PROBLEMS FORESEEN IN HANDLING A TWENTY-FOUR MEMBER DELEGATION AND THE SMALLER SIZE OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE SOVIET DELEGATION, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO PARING THE SIZE OF U.S. DELEGATION IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
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